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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 4 of Article IX to establish a limitation on
3 the period for which a person may be elected as a
4 member of a district school board.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
7 Florida:

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9 Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution is
10 amended to read:

11 ARTICLE IX

12 EDUCATION

13 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.-

14 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
15 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
16 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
17 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
18 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of
19 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
20 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

21 (b) A person may not appear on the ballot for re-election
22 to the office of school board if, by the end of the current term
23 of office, the person would have served, or but for resignation
24 would have served, in that office for eight consecutive years.
25 Only service to the office of school board after 2015 shall
26 accrue toward the limitations prescribed herein.

27 (c) ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control and
28 supervise all free public schools within the school district and
29 determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits
30 prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and
31 finance joint educational programs.